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NEWS RELEASE

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Weekly Yard Waste Collection Service Resumes April 4

Thursday Collections Still Available Through March 31

DUBUQUE, IOWA – The City of Dubuque will resume regular weekly curbside collection of yard waste and food scraps on Monday, April 4, but customers getting a jump start on yard work have an option right now!

Residents taking advantage of recent warm weather, who would like to have materials collected before April 4, are reminded they can still use the City's winter yard waste collection service. These collections are made every Thursday through March 31. They require an appointment, which can be made through the City's website at www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste or by calling (563) 589-4250.

Beginning April 4, yard waste and food scraps will be collected on customers' regular curbside collection days. Materials must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags that display yellow single-use yard waste stickers, 35-gallon rigid containers with either a yellow single-use yard waste sticker looped on the handles or the City's 2016 annual yard waste decal displayed, or in subscribed City yard waste carts. Brush and limbs may also be bundled (5 feet or less in length and 18 inches or less in diameter) with City of Dubuque brush ties that have a yellow single-use sticker attached.

Single-use yard waste stickers are sold at City Hall and many local grocery and hardware stores. They cost \$1.30 each and are sold on sheets of five for \$6.50. Brush

ties cost \$1.30 each. The 2016 annual yard waste decals cost \$35 each and are only available from the City's Utility Billing Service Center at City Hall by walk-up, mail-in coupon, or by phone at 563-589-4144.

For food scrap collection, City collection customers may either subscribe to use food scrap collection carts (13, 48, or 64 gallons) or place food scraps in with grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris in their yard waste cans, carts, and bags.

Yard waste and food scraps should not be placed in plastic bags and must be kept separate from other trash. Collections must be set out by 6 a.m. and not weigh over 40 pounds per container or bundle. The standard customer container has a maximum size of 35 gallons. All food scraps and yard waste are processed into compost. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 563-589-4250 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste.

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